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11/28/94SULLIVANE HOUSE - 205 HIGH STREET

Dating to before 1763, this is ~~one of~~ the oldest house~~s~~ on High Street and was built by a Cambridge merchant, John Caile who leased the property from J. David Murray. The house is built of English brick laid in Flemish bond and is two stories tall with a combination gambrel-hip roof. Typically Georgian the front facade is symmetrical, having a center entrance. The tall windows on the first floor are sash type with 12 over 12 lights. This is one of the few gambrel roofed houses in Cambridge.

# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Sullivan House

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

205 High Street

CITY, TOWN

Cambridge

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

1

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

- ☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

- ☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

#### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

- ☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

- ☐ OCCUPIED  
☒ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☒ NO

#### PRESENT USE

- ☐ AGRICULTURE  
☐ COMMERCIAL  
☐ EDUCATIONAL  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT  
☐ GOVERNMENT  
☐ INDUSTRIAL  
☐ MILITARY  
☐ MUSEUM  
☐ PARK  
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ OTHER

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

E. Bayly Orem

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

207 High Street

CITY, TOWN

Cambridge

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21613

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Dorchester County Courthouse

Liber #: RSM 90

Folio #: 400

STREET & NUMBER

206 High Street

CITY, TOWN

Cambridge

STATE

Maryland 21613

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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### CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house, which dates to 1763, was remodelled in 1880, 1930 and 1965, but still retains much of its original appearance and details. It is a two and one-half story house built of English "ballast" bricks: the walls being mostly one foot thick and laid in Flemish bond. The roof is a combination gambrel-hip roof. The house is symmetrical with the exception of a later wing added onto the rear. There are five bays on the front. The center door has eight panels, and above is a rectangular transom light. The double ended stairway in the front of the door is an architect's version of what the original stairway might have looked like, and was added in 1965, when a one story porch addition was removed from the front. The tall windows on the first floor are all 12 over 12 sash. On the second story there are two double windows on the end bays and a single window in the center. Each of these is a 9 over 9 sash window with interior shutters. There is a triangular pediment over the end windows but above the center window is a semicircular hood with a ray pattern that is probably not original to the house. The house has two chimneys. In the rear, are English boxwood gardens, laid out in six squares.

The interior layout consists of a center hall which opens to one large room on the north and two small parlors on the south. However, there were originally two small parlors on the north with back to back chimneys, as on the south side. The kitchen is in the two story wing added to the rear. The house throughout, with the exception of the added wing, has random width pine floors. The first floor ceilings are ten and one-half feet high. The paneled wall in the large downstairs room on the north is not original, although the paneling above the fireplaces is. There are a total of five fireplaces in the house. The majority of the brass is original as well as the H and L hinges.

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## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 10-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

## SPECIFIC DATES

1763, 1880, 1930, 1965

## BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

History:

In 1739, Dr. William Murray obtained an Indian title from John Kirk to all the land between the church (Christ Church) property and the Choptank River. This house was built on the western or upper boundary of the lot which is marked by a brick wall inscribed G.P.C. (Great Choptank Parish), 1763. In November 1761, Dr. William Murray conveyed 200 feet from the church boundary down the street and extending back to Murray's alley, to his son David for "love and affection". In March 1763, in consideration of \$5.00 per annum and the erection thereon of a brick or stone house, by the leasee, the said dwelling to be 28 feet square and one story high with a cellar, Murray leased the property to his cousin John Caile for a period of fifty years. John Caile was a merchant and clerk of court. Under this lease, Caile built with bricks imported from England the present house. David Murray devised the fee of this lot to his son, William Sullivan Murray, with the addition of 30 feet more on its lower side, and he devised the fee to his nephew Daniel Sullivan, Jr. Meanwhile, John Caile died and devised his lease to Hall Caile who in turn devised it to Elizabeth Caile. In November 1795, she transferred it to David Sullivan and in December of the same year he devised it to his cousin Col. Joseph Daffin. Upon his death, he left it to his daughter Susan Wilson who conveyed it to Dr. James E. Sullivan (nephew of Daniel) in March 1811. After several other transfers among the Sullivan family it was inherited by Col. Clement Sullivan, who in October 1886 sold the property to John E. Hurst of Baltimore. For a period of 147 years, from 1739 to 1886, the property was in the hands of the Sullivans and their connections.

Significance:

Dating to before the Revolutionary War, this is one of the oldest houses in Cambridge, and is one of the few gambrel roofed structures in Dorchester County and a good example of Georgian architecture. It contributes to the historic character of High Street which possesses many of the oldest and most architecturally significant buildings in Cambridge.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

F. Arthur Lascowski, Papers,

Col. Clement Sullivane, article reprinted in the  
Daily Banner, April 16, 1925

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Catherine L. Moore

ORGANIZATION

DATE

11/14/75

STREET & NUMBER

Route 3, Box 32

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Cambridge

STATE

Maryland 21613

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

Survey

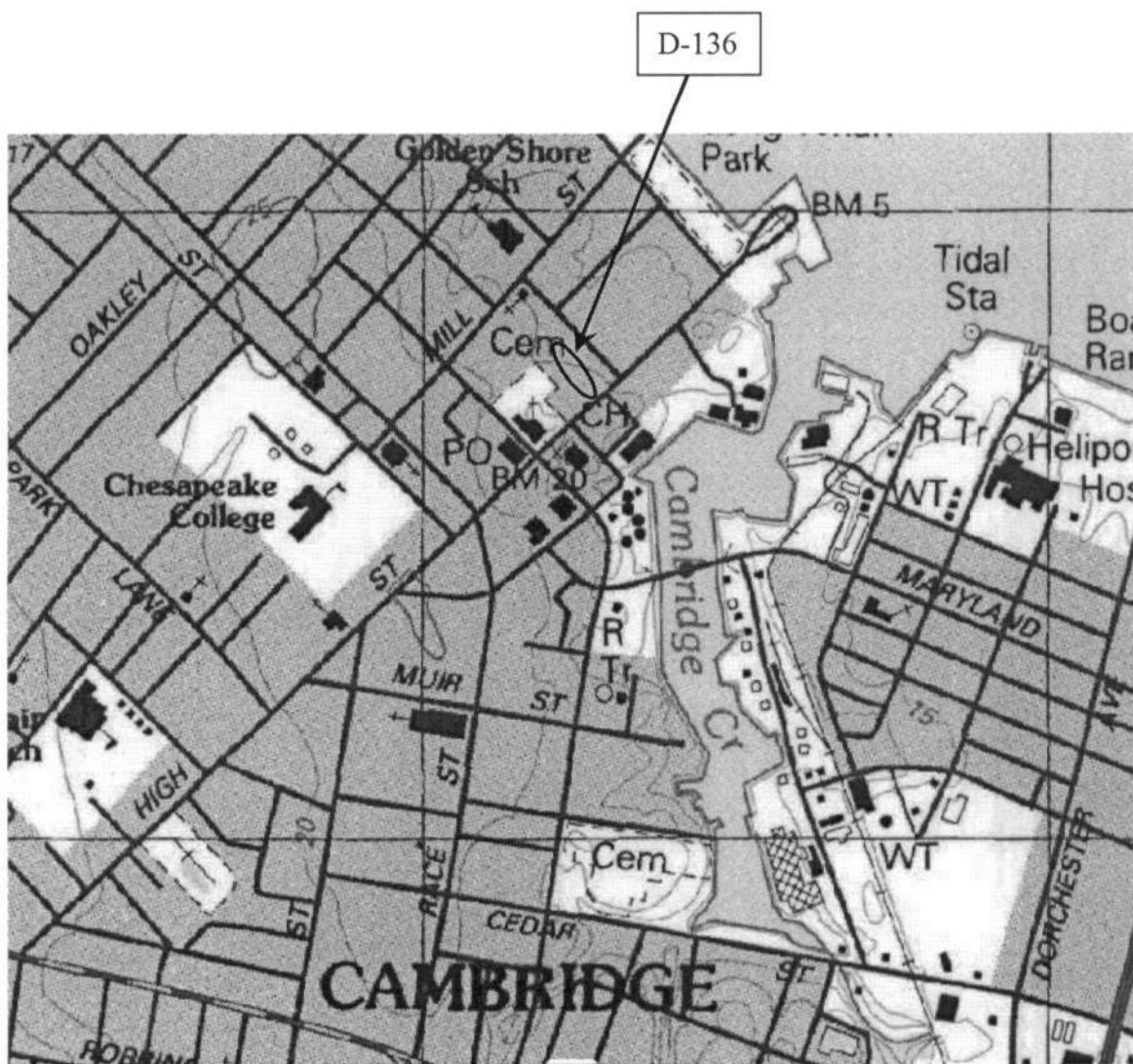
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

1. STATE <b>Maryland</b> COUNTY <b>Dorchester</b> TOWN <b>Cambridge</b> VICINITY STREET NO. <b>21 High St. 205</b>		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY <b>D-136</b>	
ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE <b>dwelling</b> PRESENT OWNER PRESENT USE <b>dwelling</b> WALL CONSTRUCTION <b>frame</b> NO. OF STORIES <b>2 1/2</b>		2. NAME <b>205 High Street</b>  DATE OR PERIOD STYLE ARCHITECT BUILDER	
		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC <b>no</b>			
<p>205 High Street is reputedly the earliest existing house in Cambridge. It is a one and one half brick Jerkin-head gambrel roof structure, the facade being laid in Flemish bond, and the fenestration of the floors being altered from the original. The center door of the five bay facade has a large transom above the eight panel door, and the windows have 12/12 sash arranged vertically. On the lower slope of the gambrel roof, the dormers have been altered, the center window having an arched roof with fine carving above the sash, and the two flanking dormers consisting of double windows with pediment above. Both sides have large chimney stacks rising above the roof, the n.w. chimney being an exterior addition. Formerly the chimney was within the walls, the building and serviced corner foreplaces as does the existing s.e. chimney. To the rear of the house is a large two story wing of twentieth century vintage.</p> <p>The interior of the house was originally divided into central stair passage with four rooms, each with corner fireplaces. Part of the s.w. corner room was needed for the stair to rise in two flights to the second floor. The present floor plan is unaltered in the hall and s.e. rooms, but the corner fireplaces and partition wall were removed from the n.w. rooms, creating one large room with fireplace.</p> <p>The interior contains some original woodwork from the mid eighteenth century. Paneled window seats, and paneled chimney breasts exist in the front rooms. The height of the paneling was only 3/4 to the ceiling, an unusual arrangement for Maryland's Eastern Shore.</p>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior			
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6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC. <b>Laskowski papers, 1955, p 14</b> <b>Forman, Old Buildings Gardens and Furniture,</b> <b>1967, p. 146.</b>		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER <b>mob</b> <b>Michael O. Bourne</b> <b>Coordinator of Field Services</b> <b>2525 Riva Road</b> <b>Annapolis, Md. 21401</b>  DATE OF RECORD	





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Sullivan (Sulivane) House  
205 High St.  
Cambridge  
Cambridge Quad.  
Dorchester Co.





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Camb. Co.

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